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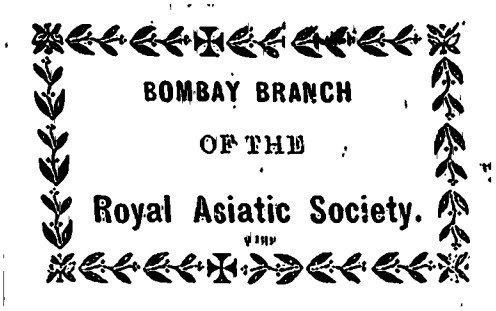

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No. A.D.-138.

Poona, 14th December 1925.

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Acting Settlement Commissioner and
Director of Land Records;

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Revenue Department, Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Land Records Department for the year ending 31st July 1925.

CHAPTER I.

Prefatory.

1. The charge of the Department was held by Mr. F. G. H. Anderson, I.C.S., up to 14th April 1925 and by me for the rest of the year.

2. *Superintendents of Land Records.*—These posts in the three Divisions were held as follows:—

Northern Division.—Mr. M. S. Maulvi, 1st August 1924 to 24th November 1924; Mr. C. D. Kavi, 25th November 1924 to 31st July 1925.

Central Division.—Mr. V. B. Naik, throughout the year.

Southern Division.—Mr. H. F. Ball, I.C.S., 1st August 1924 to 24th October 1924; Mr. A. W. W. Mackie, I.C.S., 25th October 1924 to 24th November 1924; Mr. V. B. Mardhekar, 25th November 1924 to 5th January 1925; Mr. A. W. W. Mackie, I.C.S., 6th January 1925 to 30th January 1925; Mr. W. Dillon, I.C.S., 31st January 1925 to 12th February 1925; Mr. D. S. Modak, 13th February 1925 to 31st July 1925.

3. *Touring.*—Mr. Anderson toured in the districts of Ahmedabad, Kaira, Broach, Surat, Thana, Poona and Kolaba; and I toured in the districts of Belgaum, Dharwar and Satara. The Superintendent of Land Records, Northern Division, toured for 148 days in all districts in the Division, camping in 23 talukas. The Superintendent of Land Records, Central Division, toured for 157 days in all districts of his Division, camping in 35 talukas. In the Southern Division owing to frequent changes of officers proper touring could only be begun from February 1925. The Superintendent of Land Records, Southern Division, toured for 141 days, in all districts of the Division, camping in 25 talukas and

two mahals. This is highly creditable to Mr. Modak, considering that three and a half months of the touring season had already passed when he took charge. Besides the routine inspection work of villages, Circle Inspectors and Taluka daftars, special attention was given to city, pôt hissa and inam surveys and all measurement work performed by Cadastral Surveyors.

The improvement in touring activity shown last year was maintained; but further improvement is desirable. A standard of 170 days on tour should be reached, and would in normal circumstances have been easily reached by Mr. Modak.

Chapter II.

Land Records Establishment.

4. The establishments under the Divisional Superintendents were the District Survey Offices, Permanent Field Parties, District and Cadastral Surveyors, establishments for city surveys and measurement of sub-divisions, and the City Survey maintenance establishments. All these establishments were controlled by the Superintendents of Land Records and supervised by District Inspectors of Land Records, Survey Mamlatdars and Head Surveyors.

Training of Junior Civilians.

5. The following Junior Civilians and Probationary Deputy Collectors were trained in survey and settlement matters :—

Northern Division.—Mr. K. L. Punjabi, I.C.S.; Mr. I. T. Almaula, B.A., LL.B.; Nawabzada Mir Sayad Alamkhan, M.A., Bar.-at-Law.

Central Division.—Mr. E. W. Trotman, I.C.S.; Mr. S. V. Chavan, B.A.

Southern Division.—Mr. M. D. Bhansali, I.C.S.

District Survey Offices.

6. *Northern Division.*—The outturn of Central Record Office, Ahmedabad, was satisfactory in quality and quantity. 958 correction cases (5,469 survey numbers) were disposed of during the year, leaving 124 cases (283 survey numbers) in arrears. Out of these 124 cases 82 are on hand and 42 have been returned for further enquiry. Rs. 1,187 were realised for supplying extracts from survey records and by sale of maps. Tallying of akarbands with abstracts of V. F. No. I has been completed in the two villages remaining over last year. Four posts have been kept vacant in the office.

7. Thana District Survey Office disposed of 409 correction cases (3,634 survey numbers) as against 261 cases (2,338 survey numbers) of last year, leaving 127 cases (762 survey numbers) as against 127 cases (1,724 survey numbers) of last year. One post was kept vacant in this office. Rs. 324 were realised for supplying extracts from survey records and by sale of maps. The work of this office has improved appreciably under the supervision of the District Inspector, Mr. Joshi.

The Superintendent of Land Records and the Settlement Commissioner inspected both the offices.

8. *Central Division.*—The District Survey Offices in this Division disposed of 1,633 correction cases containing 6,611 survey numbers and 6,877 hissas, as against 1,430 cases containing 5,678 survey numbers and 6,609 hissas of last year, leaving 228 cases containing 904 survey numbers and 964 hissas in arrears as against 210 cases containing 941 survey numbers and 852 hissas of last year. The Cadastral Surveyors of Poona could not help the District Survey Office staff in correction cases during the rains as there were incessant calls on them for urgent measurement work. This year correction work has increased in almost all the District Survey Offices, but still the progress made is very satisfactory. Rs. 7,508 were realised for supplying extracts from survey records and by sale of maps. Tallying of akarbands with abstracts of V. F. No. I was completed in the one village left over last year. The Superintendent of Land Records inspected all the offices.

9. *Southern Division.*—The District Survey Offices in this Division disposed of correction work of 12,279 survey numbers as against 16,106 survey numbers of last year, leaving a balance of correction work of 2,243 survey numbers as against 2,661 survey numbers of last year. (Last year's figures were wrongly reported for Bijapur District.) Moreover, the District Survey Offices did correction work of 15,479 hissas, leaving a balance of correction work of 13,868 hissas. The outturn of correction work this year is less owing to the fact that in Belgaum District Survey Office one clerk and one surveyor were employed for three months in sorting the records. In Kanara District Survey Office four extra men were employed last year for correction work while this year only two extra hands were employed. Moreover, the District Survey Offices had this year to dispose of a thousand more cases of issue of tippans, maps and other miscellaneous work. The Superintendent of Land Records inspected all the District Survey Offices. The Settlement Commissioner inspected the District Survey Offices of Belgaum and Kolaba.

District Inspectors.

10. Statement IV shows the routine work performed by these officers during the year. In the Northern Division the figures show a needed improvement over last year's. As regards work of these officers the Superintendent of Land Records remarks :—"As usual, Mr. Chokshi's (Kaira) technical work is less in quantity and inferior in quality. He has not tested any major work, though he should have taken 10 per cent. test; Mr. Joshi of Thana is the best District Inspector in the Division. Mr. Shukla (Surat and Broach), otherwise good, has become slack; Mr. Bharucha, as acting District Inspector, in Surat and Broach, was found to be industrial and methodical". The Record of Rights inspection work is deficient in Ahmedabad; and the number of days devoted to inspection is not adequate there. The fact that elsewhere than in Ahmedabad there was no test of the crop-inspection work of Circle Inspectors is unsatisfactory.

11. Figures in the Central Division show a falling off from last year's figures. As regards work of these officers the Superintendent of Land Records remarks :—" I have only one year's experience of their work but on the whole I have found that all of them have taken a very keen interest in their work". It is evident, however, that the amount of work done in Ahmednagar is quite inadequate (as was the case last year also) ; and in East Khandesh.

12. Figures in the Southern Division show improvement over last year's. As regards work of these officers the Superintendent of Land Records remarks :— " District Inspectors in upghat districts have continued to do well. Messrs. N. S. Kulkarni (Belgaum) and S. J. Moghe (Bijapur) were keen on their work and controlled the surveyors committed to their charge efficiently". In Dharwar the number of days devoted to inspection was quite inadequate.

In all three divisions there are District Inspectors who do not devote an adequate number of days to work outside headquarters.

Measurement Work.

13. The following statement shows the establishment employed, its outturn and financial position :—

Division.	Strength.		Survey numbers and hissas measured.				Fees earned including Government work.	Cost of establishment.
			Private.		Government.			
	Cadastral surveyors.	District surveyors.	Hissas.	Survey numbers.	Hissas.	Survey numbers.		
Northern...	19 4 for three months. 4 City Survey Maintenance Surveyors.	6	16,961	1,888	...	1,348	83,481	27,577
Central ...	45	7	20,950	5,023	2,582	3,304	45,556	49,880
Southern .	28 permanent 22 temporary.	6	21,364	4,968	...	3,972	45,854	45,339

The outturn is greater than last year's. In the Northern and Southern Divisions the staff is self-supporting. In these two Divisions the Cadastral Surveyors are paid partly from General Revenues and partly from pôt-hissa Advances, creating great account confusion. If the whole staff is made permanent there, as it is in the Central Division, this confusion will stop. The Central Division staff does not pay its cost showing a deficit of Rs. 4,324. This amount includes Rs. 3,507-2-0 paid as leave salary. Some measurement work was done by City Survey Maintenance Surveyors and a fair proportion of their pay is taken into account while calculating cost of the staff.

For the Presidency taken as a whole the staff is more than self-supporting.

14. Statement II shows the outturn of measurement and classification work in each district. Measurement work received during the year is greater than that received last year. Disposal is also greater than last year's.

Circle Inspectors.

15. Statement I shows the work of these officials. As the Settlement Commissioner does not come much in touch with them and has no control over them, no useful remarks can be made. A comparison of this year's figures with those of last year shows some improvement. But mere figures do not give any idea of the quality of the inspection work done which should be left to the district officers to judge.

16. Statement III shows the inspection work of Sub-divisional Officers and Mamlatdars. In last year's report remarks were made about the inadequacy of work of these officers. To this the Commissioner, S. D., has replied as follows:—

> "It is not the number of entries inspected which counts but the reality of inspection. The number of errors detected would be a better criterion. Figures therefore do not convey much and I certainly concede that inspection of records tends to become mechanical. The remedy is to give an officer instructions that it is the care bestowed on the entries inspected, rather than the number of entries inspected that counts for most. When inspecting a kulkarni's work if an officer finds it well done, he will not prolong his inspection. The quality of the work of the subordinate prescribes the amount of his superior's inspection."

But, for my part, I am not satisfied that the smaller the number of entries inspected the greater has been the thoroughness of the inspection and the better the quality of the work inspected. It is for each grade of officer to do an adequate amount of inspection, and for his superiors to see that it is of a proper quality and properly directed.

Boundary Disputes.

17. Mr. C. D. Kavi was British Delegate upto 24th November 1924 for settlement of boundary between the Baroda State and British territory. From 25th November 1924 the post of British Delegate was amalgamated with the post of the Superintendent of Land Records, N. D., under Mr. Kavi. During the year boundaries to the length of 105½ miles were newly surveyed and settled and 80 miles of boundaries which were formerly surveyed and settled were checked in Halol taluka of Panch Mahals and Prantij, Viramgam and Sanand talukas of Ahmedabad. Upto now the boundary of 252½ miles touching 110 British and 114 Baroda villages has been settled. In the boundary settled this year there are 837 interstatal marks which are to be maintained jointly by the British Government and Baroda Darbar. Besides there are 2,225 British Revenue Survey Marks and 718 Baroda Survey Marks to

be maintained by the occupants. The cost during the year comes to Rs. 11,209.

Measurement of Sub-divisions.

18. *Northern Division.*—This work has been completed in the whole of Gujarat in 1922-23 and in the whole of Thana district in 1923-24. Pot hissa fees still remain to be collected in Ahmedabad district to the amount of Rs. 560 and in Thana district to the amount of Rs. 9,604.

19. *Central Division.*—The year began with 14 parties, including two head-quarter parties, with a total strength of 178 hands including nimtandars. During the monsoon these parties were engaged in calculating areas of and distribution of assessment over the sub-divisions measured during the previous fair season and in preparing extracts of maps to be supplied to kabjedars. At the beginning of the fair season some men had to be deputed for work to other departments. So the fair season commenced with 10 parties in the field and two head-quarter parties. When men deputed to other departments reverted, additional field parties were formed. So at the close of the year there were 13 field parties and two head-quarter parties with a total strength of 208 hands, including nimtandars. The head-quarter parties were put to clear off arrears of recess work left over by the field parties. The field parties measured 115,631 hissas in 6 talukas of Poona and Satara districts as against 86,540 hissas last year. (In the last year's report 37 talukas and 5 petas should be read as 5 talukas and 1 peta.) The outturn would have been still greater had it not been for the fact that portions of Wai taluka are hilly and of a difficult nature. In the monsoon the parties calculated assessments of 107,851 hissas and prepared sketches of 497,376 hissas for supply to kabjedars. Two special parties were organised in addition to measure new hissas formed in Poona and East Khandesh districts since the completion of the original hissa survey. Eight measurers under a nimtandar measured 4,998 new hissas in 3 villages of Edlabad peta and 107 villages of Chalisgaon taluka, East Khandesh district. Five measurers measured 4,468 new hissas in 13 villages of Poona and Bhimthadi talukas. These two parties did recess work of 8,981 hissas. During the year demand statements for Rs. 1,41,016 were issued. Including arrears of past years Rs. 2,36,338 were recovered, a creditable amount. Rs. 1,16,492 remain as arrears.

20. *Southern Division.*—During the year 5 parties of 50 men measured 28,706 hissas in 33 villages of Karjat taluka, in 19 khoti and 15 Government villages of Mahad taluka of Kolaba district, in the lapsed khoti villages of Kolthare in Dapoli taluka and Juwa Anjanacha in Malwan taluka, and in the inam villages of Kutre (Chiplun) and Sayale (Sangameshwar). In the rainy season recess work of 30,834 hissas in 55 villages of Karjat and 40 villages of Khalapur peta was completed. During the year demand statements for Rs. 53,258 were sent to talukas for recovery. Including arrears of past years Rs. 59,120 were recovered as pot-hissa fees.

21. Owing to mistakes detected by the hissa survey parties in the original survey records, assessment was reduced during the year to the extent of Rs. 760.

22. From the beginning the Department has now surveyed hissas at no cost to the general tax-payer as follows :—

Upto 1923-24	...	...	5,629,306
1924-25 N. D.	16,961 new hissas	...	
" C. D.	32,998 " "	...	
	1,15,631 original hissas	...	
" S. D.	21,364 new hissas	...	
	30,834 original hisssas		217,788
			5,847,094

Chapter III.

Survey and Settlement.

(Revenue Survey.)

23. *Northern Division.*—Five field-party surveyors were employed in Gujarat during the year. They examined the classification of rice lands in Sanand Taluka of Ahmedabad; also surveyed and classed lands in the Talukdari estates of Panch Mahals which had been brought under cultivation since last settlement, and surveyed lands in Halol Mahal of Panch Mahals required for an agricultural farm at Pavagadh. In Thana two field-party surveyors were employed. They measured lands mostly in connection with corrections to be made on account of land acquired for District Local Board roads. Other work turned out was preparation of Land Registers of District Local Board roads in Ahmedabad and Thana districts, village site survey of Ambach in Surat district, survey of inam villages of Khambha and Nalimbi in Thana district for Record of Rights, survey of a khajan survey number of Achole in Thana district, survey of Virsad-Darmaj road and Uttarsanda railway station approach road for the District Local Board, and survey of lands under special Kaira leases.

24. *Central Division.*—One field party consisting at first of 41 hands under a head surveyor was employed on the survey of inam villages in Satara, Poona and Nagar districts. On account of the deputation of some men for the survey of villages belonging to Miraj and Raisingpur States the strength of the party was lowered to 21. Fourteen inam villages were completed and 6 partially done.

25. *Southern Division.*—Ten permanent and eleven temporary surveyors were employed during the year. They completed the remaining survey work of Here Jaghir, except some classification work in Here village. In Belgaum district, survey of one inam village was completed while in another the survey is in progress. Recess examination work in 4 inam villages was completed. Classification work of 9 inam villages in Gokak and Parasgad talukas was completed. On the request of the inamdar boundary marks were completely restored in one village. Survey of one inam

village for Record of Rights was suspended when partially done. In Ratnagiri district, survey of one inam village was completed except classification, while in one the survey is in progress.

(Settlements.)

26. Revision settlement reports mentioned below were reviewed by the Settlement Commissioner during the year under report :—

Taluka			
Dohad, Jhalod, Halol, Kalol	...		Panch Mahals District.
Nadiad, Anand, Borsad, Thasra and Kapadwanj	...	...	Kaira.
Kalyan	...	...	Thana.
Karad and Patan	...	...	Satara.
Alibag	...	...	Kolaba.

Jama settlement reports of Dholka and Dhandhuka talukas and Gogha Mahal.

27. Settlement reports of Prantij taluka and Modasa Mahal (Ahmedabad), Chalisgaon (East Khandesh), Walva (Satara), Khed taluka and Mandangad Mahal (Ratnagiri) are under consideration of the Settlement Commissioner and those for Bhiwandi taluka and North Salsette Mahal are with the Collector of Thana.

28. Temporary revision settlement reports of the inam villages of Nimboni (Sangola), Sarule (Kalvan), Kalmuste, Khadki, Jategaon, and Borwat (Peint), Kothale, Pimpri and Kolegaon (Malsiras) were submitted by the Superintedent of Land Records, Central Division, and they have been passed on with remarks to the Commissioner, Central Division. No orders have been passed by Government on the temporary revision settlement proposals of inam villages in the Central Division, submitted last year. Government have confirmed the temporary revised rates sanctioned by the Settlement Commissioner for the inam villages of Newasa Bk., Usthal Dumala, Ranjangaon, Dongaon, Kolegaon and Miri (Newasa), Torkhede, Abhanpur Kd., Abhanpur Bk. and Kakarde (Shahada) and Gondegaon (Pachora taluka).

29. Revision settlement reports of the inam villages of Gangapur (Nawalgund), Sawroli and Madh (Khalapur Peta) submitted by the Superintendent of Land Records, S. D., have been passed on to Government for favour of sanction through the Commissioner, S. D.

30. Government passed orders on the proposals for the revision settlement of Government land in the inam village of Karade Bk., taluka Panvel.

Chapter IV.

City Surveys.

31. *Northern Division.*—City Surveys of Surat, Prantij, Hansot, Bassein, Halol and revision of Rander city survey were completed. City surveys of Kalol, Vejalpur, Jhalod, Umbergaon, and Nargol were taken up and completed. In Chinchni the survey has been

completed and enquiry is in progress; in Tarapur survey has been completed and enquiry is about to be taken up. Twenty-three city surveys are under regular maintenance.

32. *Central Division.*—During the year the city surveys of Trimbak and Raver were completed, and those of Yawal, Malegaon, Lonavla and Mahableshwar are in progress. Twenty-eight city surveys are under regular maintenance.

33. *Southern Division.*—Enquiry work at Panvel was completed. City survey and enquiry in Uran, Nargund, Indi, Roha and Alibag were completed. No new city surveys were taken up. Thirteen city surveys are under regular maintenance.

34. *General Remarks.*—City-survey maintenance staff in large towns earn sufficient revenue to pay their cost; but in smaller towns such is not the case. To remedy this to some extent in small towns the maintenance surveyor is put in charge of two or more towns, transferring some of the routine work to the sub-registrars of those towns. The scheme is being tried in 14 towns of Northern Division, 6 towns of Central Division, and 10 towns of Southern Division and is working well. The arrangement is particularly valuable as being potentially the first step towards the substitution of direct registration of title for registration of documents. So far as one can foresee, this change, if it ever takes place, will begin in city-surveyed areas where we shall have in the sub-registrar a sufficiently reliable agency easily supervised and controlled.

Village Site Surveys.

35. The 24 village sites in Gujarat and one in Central Division surveyed previously are being maintained. Survey of village site of Ambach in Pardi taluka of Surat district has been completed. Enquiry is still to be made. In East Khandesh enquiry has been completed in 2 inam village sites of Bhokri and Tamaswadi and in two others—Anjalgaon and Gondegaon is in progress. Village site of Chinchwad in Haveli taluka is being surveyed. In Southern Division the survey of the village site of Karjat is finished and that of Neral is in progress.

Photozinco Press.

36. The work turned out in the printing branch during the financial year was 939,966 machine pulls costing Rs. 25,425 and 94,200 hand pulls costing Rs. 29,622. Other branches turned out work costing Rs. 85,247. The work of this press is reviewed in a separate administration report.

CHAPTER V.

Record of Rights.

37. *Northern Division.*—The record has been re-written on the Maxwell System in all the talukas of Ahmedabad, in the talukas of Nadiad, Anand, Thasra, and Kapadwanj of Kaira (except in Narwadari villages of Nadiad and Anand), in the Bhagdari villages

of Broach taluka, and in some circles of Dahanu, Shahapur, Mokhada, Umbergaon, and Murbad of Thana.

38. *Central Division.*—The record has been re-written on the Maxwell System in the following talukas :—

District.		Talukas.
Sholapur	...	Sholapur, Barsi, Madha (except 6 villages), Sangola and Pandharpur.
Nasik	...	Igatpuri, Baglan, Peint, Nasik, Chandor and one inam village in each taluka of Nipad and Kalwan.
East Khandesh	...	Yawal, Erandol, Chopda, Pachora.
West Khandesh	...	Nawapur.
Poona	...	Purandhar, Maval, and Dhond.
Ahmednagar	...	Parner, Karjat, Shevgaon (except one village), 30 villages of Rahuri and 4 of Akola.

39. *Southern Division.*—The record has been re-written according to Maxwell System in the following talukas :—

District.		Talukas.
Belgaum	...	Gokak.
Bijapur	...	Shindgi and Bagalkot.
Dharwar	...	Dharwar, Kalghatgi, Navalgund, Gadag, and Karajgi.
Kanara	...	Ankola and Halyal.
Kolaba	...	Alibag (one circle).
Ratnagiri	...	Deogad, Rajapur, Khed, Sangmeshwar, and Ratnagiri.

40. The record is being re-written in the following talukas :—

District.		Talukas.
Belgaum	...	Hukeri and Parasgad.
Dharwar	...	Hubli, Bankapur, Ranebennur, Ron, Kod and Hangal.
Kolaba	...	Mangaon.

41. It was prepared for the first time in the inam villages of Nagawi, Kalsapur, Huilgol, Kiritgeri, Somankatti, Hampiholi and Kurugowankop. It is being prepared in the inam villages of Shanwad, Jawur, Gadgoli and Nagarhal. All these inam villages are in Dharwar district.

42. Irrigation Record of Rights has been completed in Halyal, Yellapur and Sirsi talukas of Kanara.

Retrenchment.

43. Two posts of District Inspectors of Land Records, Panch Mahals and Broach, four posts of clerks in the Central Record

Office, Ahmedabad, and one post in the District Survey Office, Thana, have been kept vacant. The post of Assistant District Inspector of Land Records, Ratnagiri, was abolished.

General Remarks.

44. While holding temporary charge of the Department for the third time, I have been struck by the continued thoroughness of Mr. C. D. Kavi, in the Northern Division. It is a great satisfaction to the Head of the Department to know that there is small chance indeed of slipshod or inadequate work escaping notice wherever Mr. Kavi goes for inspection. Mr. V. B. Naik has also been quite satisfactory in the Central Division, and has been of special use to me in investigating certain obscure technical points of classification that cropped up. In Mr. Modak in the Southern Division the Department has secured a first-rate recruit, whose energy is quite remarkable. I have not had an opportunity of seeing any of the work of Mr. Jagatsing in Sind.

While a few of the District Inspectors have as much work as they can be expected to manage, the others are by no means overworked, and there is still scope for an expansion of the activities of the department without overburdening them. In this connection the higher standard of recruit which we are now able to secure since the complete separation of the cadre of this department from that of the Revenue Department will help considerably. The work in the District Survey Offices will be done with greater efficiency and despatch in the future than in the past. Just lately it has been found possible to refuse to appoint any but selected English-knowing hands for the post of Head Quarter Assistant, in place of the old vernacular hands almost at the end of their official tether who normally filled these posts ; and the results will soon become apparent. .

Mr. Antia, the Office Superintendent has discharged his duties with sustained efficiency.

45. Correct information required for this report was not completely received till 9th December.

Your most obedient servant,

A. MACKIE,
Acting Settlement Commissioner and
Director of Land Records.

STATEMENT I.

Statement I, showing crop, waste, boundary marks and other

Name of District.	Number of Circle Inspectors in the District.	Number of villages in each district.		Number of days actually devoted to inspection work.
		Total.	Number inspected.	
1	2	3	4	5
				Average.
Northern Division.				
Ahmedabad	18	446	446	231·2
Kaira	20	589	581	293
Panch Mahals	13	430	402	218
Broach	14	397	397	204·5
Surat	18	821	793	181·5
Thana	35	1,542	1,375	125
Central Division.				
East Khandesh	40	1,802½	1,782	187
West Khandesh	25	1,219	1,218	134
Nasik	37	1,695	1,678	222
Ahmednagar	34	1,375	1,346	256
Poona	25	1,176	1,176	210·3
Sholapur	15	702	699	119
Satara	33	1,358	1,358	235
Southern Division.				
Belgaum	27	1,083	961	224
Bijapur	24	1,168	1,013	273
Dharwar	34	1,279	1,262	105
Kolaba	30	1,627	1,569	171
Ratnagiri	17	322*	310	181
Kanara	28	1,419	1,358	177·2

inspection carried out by Circle Inspector, during the year 1924-25.

Crop and Tenancy Inspection.		Waste Inspection.		Repair of boundary marks.	
Total number of occupied Survey numbers.	Number of Survey Nos. and Sub-Divisions.	Numbers of Waste Nos. other than forest.	Number inspected.	Number of villages due for repair.	
				Arrears of past year.	Current year's programme.
6	7	8	9	10	11
184,909	30,455 / H 2,674	27,289	4,058 / H 4	11	53
310,368	32,357 / H 33,850	13,691	1,302	61	64
87,964	16,264 / H 2,484	11,675	2,863	.....	63
135,437	16,137 / H 28,570	8,807	1,294	.....	47
245,859	44,951 / H 32,923	12,573	1,126	.....	63
197,224	18,313	16,602	2,954	3	167½
210,316	21,991 / H 13,928	9,026	2,328	53	278
146,393	23,295	13,770	2,135	5	193
244,734	22,469 / H 15,459	12,506 / H 370	1,460 / H 16	14½	223
238,781	26,570	5,170	1,550	47	189
243,745 / H 90	15,236 / H 15,901	4,075	861	101	98
114,427	12,246	2,721	455	3	64½
283,464	34,446 / H 98,263	1,925	877	13	82
179,863	30,009 / H 25,707	5,689	1,971	19	102
178,628	39,097 / H 13,052	2,971	1,074	.....	56
180,030	33,535	8,226	2,750	11	162
154,787	7,711 / H 13,824	6,552	1,895	85	159
56,146	5,819 / H 47,423	2,065	643	5	44½
143,910	29,295 / H 22,206	10,083	3,530	3	180

STATEMENT

Name of District.	Repair of boundary marks—*concld.*			
	Number of villages completely inspected and repaired.		Balance of villages outstanding at close of year.	
	Arrears of past year.	Current year's programme.	Arrears of past year.	Current year's programme.
1	12	13	14	15
Northern Division.				
Ahmedabad	...	45	11	8
Kaira	56	8	5	56
Panch Mahals	...	68	.....	.....
Broach	...	47	.....	.....
Surat	...	62	.....	1
Thana	8	159½	.....	8
Central Division.				
East Khandesh	53	278	.....	.....
West Khandesh	5	192	.....	1
Nasik	12½	196	2	26
Ahmednagar	35	150	12	39
Poona	50	60	51	38
Sholapur	8	64½	.....	.....
Satara	13	82	.....	.....
Southern Division.				
Belgaum	19*	102	7	.....
Bijapur	...	48	.....	8
Dharwar	3	160	8	2
Kolaba	25	132	60	27
Ratnagiri	4	39½	1	5
Kanara	2	160	1	20

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I—*concluded.*

Average number of days spent by Circle Inspectors of the District inspection and repairs.	Inspection of Tagai works.		Number of entries checked in the Birth and Death Register.	Number of entries checked in Village Forms VI and VII.	Remarks.
	Number of Tagai works examined.	Number in which work was finished.			
16	17	18	19	20	21
38·6	9	5	7,019	11,843	The Revenue staff checked 9,948 entries in 204 Talukdari villages.
67	14	8	15,246	134,927	
54	3	.....	6,198	8,929	
39·7	.....	.....	9,134	18,377	
34·06	.....	.....	13,499	55,623	
79·85	.....	.....	14,251	78,047	
57	9	3	27,535	48,243	
68	60	56	21,384	71,955	
46	81	5	20,581	89,516	
43	35	32	22,935	65,048	
40	42	30	7,892	81,202	
24	37	32	7,875	96,773	
101	308	271	16,309	157,007	
49	208	195	17,731	20,943	
41	180	131	14,939	27,924	* The villages of past year have been omitted as a new programme has been fixed by the Commissioner, S. D.
21	76	46	20,055	157,762	
74	.....	.....	14,404	34,331	Circle Inspectors checked 7,708 entries in V. F. VI and VII in 279 Khoti villages.
55	.....	.....	5,228	7,280	Government villages only.
66·8	39	4	10,109	91,853	

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STATEMENT II.

Statement II showing the measurement and classification work performed by Cadastral Surveyors and other establishments deputed on measurement work during the year 1924-1925.

Name of District.	Arrears at the beginning of the year.		Received during the year.		Disposed of during the year.		Balance at the close of the year.		Remarks.
	Measurement.	Classification.	Measurement.	Classification.	Measurement.	Classification.	Measurement.	Classification.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Northern Division.	Survey Nos.	Survey Nos.	Survey Nos.	Survey Nos.	Survey Nos.	Survey Nos.	Survey Nos.	Survey Nos.	
Ahmedabad ...	68	8	658	82	616	88	110	2	
Kaira ...	236	2	1,240	83	1,118	74	358	11	
Panch Mahals.	211	8	1,167	32	738	39	640	1	
Broach ...	3	...	459	3	423	3	39	...	
Surat ...	36	...	991	10	925	6	102	4	
Thana ...	35	13	1,701	138	1,542	125	194	26	
Total ...	589	31	6,216	348	5,362	335	1,443	44	
Central Division.									
East Khandesh.	165	7	1,461	64	1,422	70	204	1	
West Khandesh.	71	12	752	43	752	55	71	...	
Nasik ...	155	..	1,022	21	893	18	284	3	
Ahmednagar ..	248	26	589	26	460	22	377	30	
Poona ...	671	29	2,071	41	2,094	66	648	4	
Sholapur ...	430	44	4,266	...	4,121	90	575	14	
Satara ...	482	8	2,708	52	3,066	60	124	...	
Total ...	2,222	126	12,869	247	12,808	321	2,283	52	
Southern Division.									
Belgaum ...	128	1	1,063	33	1,069	33	122	1	
Bijapur ...	256	9	1,546	133	1,575	115	227	27	
Dharwar ...	1,321	39	1,655	35	2,025	41	951	33	
Kolaba ...	171	...	788	20	843	20	116	...	
Ratnagiri ...	254	17	1,071	58	861	34	464	41	
Kanara ...	429	24	1,796	135	2,065	131	160	28	
Total ...	2,559	90	7,919	414	8,438	374	2,040	130	
Grand Total ...	5,370	247	27,004	1,009	26,608	1,030	5,766	226	

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STATEMENT III.

STATEMENT

Statement III showing the test of Village Officers' and Circle
in the districts during

Name of District.		Number of villages.		Number of boundary marks inspected.
		Total in District.	Number inspected.	
1		2	3	4
Ahmedabad	S. D. O. ... 3	446	291	954
	Mr. ... 9		433	3,118
Kaira	S. D. O. ... 2	589	533	1,344
	Mr. ... 7		565	2,522
Panch Mahals	S. D. O. ... 2	430	375	1,498
	Mr. ... 5		396	2,315
Broach	S. D. O. ... 2	397	380	3,196
	Mr. ... 6		397	4,489
Surat	S. D. O. ... 2	821	567	587
	Mr. ... 9		774	3,107
Thana	S. D. O. ... 3	1,542	401	1,298
	Mr. ... 11		960	6,106
East Khandesh	S. D. O. ... 2	1,802½	320	1,024
	Mr. ... 13		1,666	11,898
West Khandesh	S. D. O. ... 2	1,216	494	2,504
	Mr. ... 8		1,067	4,179
Nasik	S. D. O. ... 3	1,695	281	526
	Mr. ... 12		1,681	7,597

S. D. O. = Sub-Divisional Officer. Mr. = Mamlatdar or Mahalkari.

III.

Inspectors' work by Sub-Divisional Officers and Mamlatdars the year 1924-25.

Number of Survey Numbers in which Crop and Tenancy Record was inspected.		Number of villages in which Birth and Death Registers were checked.	Number of entries checked in Village Form VI and VII.	Remarks.
Village Officers' work.	Circle Inspectors' work.			
5	6	7	8	9
2,145	2,196	310	2,121	
8,950 H 1,731	3,157 H 889	421	7,762	
5,086 H 5,782	1,610 H 1,963	513	7,794	
6,763 H 5,739	3,734 H 3,462	551	13,169	
2,818 H 25	1,577 H 154	320	8,405	
4,548 H 962	1,090 H 12	372	4,687	
1,871 H 3,166	288 H 399	328	7,372	
6,677 H 3,453	3,107 H 1,395	397	11,406	
.....	.....	537	5,023	
13,011	5,795	772	31,995	
702 H 1,053	357 H 274	372	5,507	
4,641 H 10,205	2,131 H 6,718	896	38,529	
591 H 217	142	226	1,921	
4,760 H 2,557	1,618 H 676	1,420	22,323	
3,221 6,386 H 104	1,667 3,100 H 34	863 900	3,662 14,688	
1,091 H 47	90	172	4,194	
7,725 H 2,574	2,348 H 564	1,660	23,259	

H. = Hissas.

STATEMENT

Name of District.		Number of villages.		Number of boundary marks inspected.
		Total in District.	Number inspected.	
1		2	3	4
Ahmednagar	S. D. O. ... 2	1,375	294	130
	Mr. ... 12		1,298	3,314
Poona	S. D. O. ... 3	1,176	290	184
	Mr. ... 12		1,012	2,156
Sholapur	S. D. O. ... 2	702	308	1,453
	Mr. ... 7		682	2,782
Satara	S. D. O. ... 3	1,358	419	555
	Mr. ... 17		1,631	7,443
Belgaum	S. D. O. ... 2	1,083	203	578
	Mr. ... 10		934	3,874
Bijapur	S. D. O. ... 2	1,168	437	542
	Mr. ... 9		1,067	1,042
Dharwar	S. D. O. ... 3	1,279	452	1,251
	Mr. ... 11		1,114	3,091
Kolaba	S. D. O. ... 2	1,627	613	3,736
	Mr. ... 9		1,466	13,957
Ratnagiri	S. D. O. ... 2	1,336	604	1,756
	Mr. ... 11		1,275	5,573
Kanara	S. D. O. ... 4	1,419	302	2,291
	Mr. ... 11		1,238	10,050

S. D. O. = Sub-Divisional Officer. Mr. = Mamlatdar or Mahalkari.

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III—*concluded.*

Number of Survey Numbers in which Crop and Tenancy Record was inspected.		Number of villages in which Birth and Death Registers were checked.	Number of entries checked in Village Form VI and VII.	Remarks.
Village Officers' work.	Circle Inspectors' work.			
5	6	7	8	
935	171	201	2,183	
9,628	3,243	1,168	39,265	
1,677	.....	290	2,985	
H 440				
5,421	2,187	1,010	20,591	
H 10,951	H 3,627			
1,164	317	308	2,637	
3,746	2,505	598	66,036	
1,204	1,035	359	11,581	
H 2,303	H 2,904			
7,842	3,323	1,567	53,261	
H 20,758	H 9,772			
740	480	191	1,343	
H 183	H 128			
4,219	1,099	890	19,919	
H 5,759	H 1,590			
2,640	930	361	2,195	
8,619	3,962	1,048	21,043	
2,100	1,524	314	1,931	
6,632	3,993	1,068	31,090	
1,252	787	636	3,476	
H 3,044	H 1,463			
3,674	998	1,310	29,372	
H 3,899	H 1,461			
272	215	500	26,333	
H 1,073	H 803			
1,485	717	1,267	40,187	
363	127	107	1,383	
H 261	H 214			
4,866	2,481	1,142	45,534	
H 1,333	H 647			

H. = Hissas.

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STATEMENT

Statement IV showing the details of work done by the District

Name of District.	Total Number of villages in the District.		Total Number of days devoted to all kinds of inspection.	Number of Circle Inspectors.
	Total.	Inspected.		
1	2	3	4	5
Northern Division.				
Ahmedabad	446	86	159	18
Kaira	589	99	104	20
Panch Mahals	430	39	65	13
Broach	397	55	59	14
Surat	821	105	115	18
Thana	1,542	272	274	35
Central Division.				
East Khandesh	1,802½	75	88	40
West Khandesh	1,216	174	164	25
Nasik	1,695	152	173	37
Ahmednagar	1,375	64	111	34
Poona	1,203	161	184	25
Sholapur	702	57	128	15
Satara	1,358	135	151	32
Southern Division.				
Belgaum	1,083	117	124	27
Bijapur	1,168	185	186	24
Dharwar	1,279	93	88	34
Kolaba	1,627	252	165	30
Ratnagiri	322	128	167	17
Kanara	1,419	172	125	28

IV.

Inspectors of Land Records of the Districts during the year 1924-25.

Number of Circles.	Crop and Waste Inspections numbers checked.						Number of boundary marks examined.	Entries in the Return of Population and agricultural stock tested.
	Early.		Late.		Waste.			
	Circle Inspectors' work.	Village Accountants' work.	Circle Inspectors' work.	Village Accountants' work.	Circle Inspectors' work.	Village Accountants' work.		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
18	207 / H 214	861 / H 985	17 / H 2	161 / H 110	7	106 / H 14	1,040	.....
20	.....	1,144	...	...	...	...	492	213
13	.....	431	...	4	...	3	371	8
14	.....	333	...	441	...	...	727	.....
18	.....	55	...	1,135	...	...	756	.....
35	.....	4,760	...	11	...	11	725	.....
40	8	83	...	...	4	8	964	.....
25	1,215 / H 303		861 / H 216		122		6,700	43
37	166 / H 326	628 / H 1,188	84 / H 141	247 / H 510	28	57	2,075	.....
34	.....	...	...	392	...	...	311	77
25	454 / H 742		39 / H 174		57		612	.....
15	.....	...	...	154	...	...	699	.....
32	.....	574 / H2,105	...	...	...	...	1,473	.....
27	59 / H 33	111 / H 52	130	252	4	2	695	107
24	.....	277 / H 198	53 / H 9	600 / H 198	2	2	694	.....
34	134 / H 76	420 / H 381	...	102 / H 102	5	...	744	.....
80	63	81	35	28	2	...	7,461	40
17	.....	.....	213 / H2,189	213 / H 2,189	2	2	1,421	.....
28	171	211	6	50	6	11	1,520	147

H. = Hissas.

STATEMENT

Name of District.	Entries in the Birth and Death Register tested.	Number of Survey Numbers tested.			
		Measured by the Cadastral Surveyor.	Classed by the Cadastral Surveyor.	Measured by the District Surveyor.	Classed by the District Surveyors.
1	15	16	17	18	19
Northern Division.					
Ahmedabad	287	39 / H 61	...	19	14
Kaira	197	4 / H 18	5	6	4
Panch Mahals	54	3	...	...	...
Broach	204	92	...	61	...
Surat	325	227	...	21	3
Thana	1,322	140	26	16	11
Central Division.					
East Khandesh	139	38	3	1	1
West Khandesh	836	114 / H 106	...	...	17
Nasik	962	86 / H 273	...	...	...
Ahmednagar	133	24	5	...	...
Poona	943	135 / H 300	...	4 / H 2	...
Sholapur	7	163	...	...	...
Satara	951	85 / H 279	...	1	...
Southern Division.					
Belgaum	266	57 / H 151	12 / H 8	7	1
Bijapur	901	130 / H 406	15	10	...
Dharwar	361	44 / H 8	1	6 / H 2	2
Kolaba	744	89	...	6	2
Ratnagiri	...	162	...	...	12
Kanara	379	79	23	56	1

H.=Hissas.

Poona, 14th December 1925.

IV—*concluded.*

Number of entries in Village Forms VI and VII tested.	Number of Village Accountants examined in measurement work.	Taluka Forms XX to XXII tested.	Number of Tagai Work inspected.	Number of entries in Village Form XVI inspected.	Remarks.
20	21	22	23	24	25
351	.....	.....	.....	76	
1,067	.....	.....	.....	92	
250	.....	.....	.....	71	
1,882	.....	.....	.....	.....	
2,261	14	.....	.....	.....	
9,438	.....	.....	.....	.....	
802	.....	.....	.....	.....	
3,477	.....	8	.....	.....	
2,821	.....	.....	.....	.....	
292	.....	.....	.....	.....	
3,966	.....	12	.....	.....	
1,264	.....	.....	.....	.....	
3,698	.....	.....	.....	.....	
4,556	.....	.....	.....	210	
1,630	.....	8	.....	.....	
1,005	.....	.....	.....	.....	
10,919	.....	.....	.....	.....	
2,347	.....	.....	.....	.....	
3,261	.....	4	.....	39	

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Office of the Commissioner in Sind,
Government House, Karachi, 12th October 1925.

No revised irrigational settlements were introduced in any taluka during the year. Appendix A is therefore blank.

2. The amount of work carried out at the Head Record Office is detailed in appendices B and C. The figures in columns 2 to 4 of appendix B show a great increase, as compared with those of the previous year. This increase is mainly due to a large number of changes having occurred in consequence of land acquisition for Barrage purposes. There were no arrears at the end of the year. Entries relating to 1,403 survey numbers were examined in the office of the Superintendent, Land Records, and only 11 mistakes were discovered, which were corrected at the time of inspection.

The number of copies of field books supplied rose from 9,605 to 14,214. The increase was due to copies of field books of 5,576 survey numbers having been supplied for survey work in connection with the Barrage project. The Head Record Office also supplied the Land Acquisition Officers, Lloyd Barrage and Canals Scheme, with plotted sketches of 8,465 survey numbers. For this purpose a special temporary establishment was appointed to help the ordinary establishment.

The number of land registers prepared during the year was 26 as against 103 in the previous year. The decrease was due to the fact that no revision settlement was sanctioned during the year.

The number of maps supplied to Government officers and private individuals was 6,422 as against 6,303 in the previous year. The increase is too small to call for remarks. In addition to the maps shown above, 6,804 maps were supplied to the Public Works Department officers in connection with the Barrage. In order to deal with this extra work, a special temporary establishment was entertained in the Head Record Office.

Appendix C relates to the work done in the Record Office in consequence of the measurement carried out by the Village establishments. The number of measurement papers relating to survey numbers received for examination and entry in the Record Office was less than in the previous year by 181. The small decrease requires no comment. All the papers received in the Record Office were disposed of, leaving no arrears at the end of the year. The number of cases returned for correction of errors was normal.

The Superintendent, Land Records, tested 240 survey numbers measured by the Village establishment.

3. The work of sorting and destroying records is reported to be up to date.

4. The Head Record Office was inspected by the Superintendent, Land Records, in May and June last, and the result was satisfactory.

5. No field survey parties were organized during the year.

6. No fresh city surveys were undertaken during the year. Tando Adam and Mirpurkhas towns were proposed to be surveyed but the municipalities concerned would not undertake the responsibility of maintaining them at their sole cost. The resurvey of Karachi City was completed during the year and the maintenance establishment appointed. The apportionment of the cost of maintenance between Government and the Municipality as well as other cognate questions are still unsettled as the Settlement Commissioner and the Director of Land Records, Bombay Presidency, whose presence at the deliberations with the municipality was considered necessary, could not visit Sind during the year.

All city surveys are being maintained except those of Larkana and Jacobabad. As Government were not prepared to sanction separate establishment for the maintenance of these two city surveys, it was proposed, as an experimental measure, that the maintenance work might be done by the existing establishments for the city surveys of Shikarpur, Sukkur, Rohri and Garhi Yasin, by a redistribution of work. This arrangement which involved very little additional recurring expenditure was approved in Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 5789, dated the 4th February 1925. So far it has not been possible to give effect to it for want of provision in the current year's budget. The question of making the necessary re-appropriation is under correspondence.

The question regarding the recovery of the cost of the Hyderabad resurvey was settled in Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 3563, dated the 1st April 1925. The work of issuing sanads therefore commenced on the 1st June 1925. The total cost of the resurvey came to Rs. 43,471-15-1 of which Rs. 7,206-2-11 on account of sanad fee and copying fee, etc., were realized up to the end of July last, leaving a balance of Rs. 36,265-12-2 at the end of the year. The maintenance establishment reviewed 6,721 properties and inspected 154 theodolite stations during the year. The number of mutations recorded in the Property Registers was 1,614 and of corrections made in maps 146. The total amount spent during the year in connection with the maintenance of the city survey was Rs. 4,112-13-6.

In the course of the maintenance of the Shikarpur city survey, 648 theodolite stations and 6,552 properties were reviewed in the third cycle of review. The mutations recorded in the Property Registers were 2,352 and corrections made in maps 620. The realizations of the city survey office during the year amounted to

Rs. 2,054-12-9. Besides these, the following sums were realized by Government and the municipality from the city survey area :—

	By Government. Rs. a. p.	By the Municipality. Rs. a. p.
Sale of plots ...	6,275 1 0	6,058 11 0
Assessment on plots sold ...	7,139 13 0	6 10 6
	13,414 14 0	6,065 5 6

The realizations from sanad fee amounted to Rs. 1,647-4-0 during the year. Taking the total realizations so far effected, there is a surplus of Rs. 4,085-11-8 in favour of Government over and above the cost of survey. The expenditure incurred in connection with the city survey office on account of pay, allowances and contingencies amounted to Rs. 4,609-1-2.

In the course of the maintenance of the Sukkur City survey, 113 theodolite stations and 3,483 properties were reviewed during the year. The number of mutations recorded in the Property Registers was 990 and of corrections made in maps 154. The amount recovered during the year on account of sanad fees including late fees was Rs. 798. The balance outstanding against the city survey on account of the cost of the survey at the end of the year amounted to Rs. 3,677-4-6. The realizations of Government from copying fees, etc., came to Rs. 467-8-6. The following amounts were also realized by Government and the municipality from the city survey area:—

By Government.

	Rs. a. p.
Occupancy price of plots sold	... 3,562 8 0
Rent for plots sold	... 1,120 0 0
	... 4,682 8 0

By the Municipality.

	Rs. a. p.
Sale of plots	... 15,495 8 0
Rent of plots leased	... 346 3 0
	... 15,841 11 0

Expenses of maintenance during the year amounted to Rs. 3,249-0-11.

In the course of the maintenance of the Rohri City survey, 3,110 properties and 212 theodolite stations came under review. Six hundred and eighty mutations were recorded in the Property Registers and 73 corrections made in the maps. The total recoveries

during the year on account of sanad fees including late fees amounted to Rs. 113-12-0. The surplus in favour of Government over and above the cost of survey at the end of the year was Rs. 617-13-9.

The realizations of the city survey office during the year amounted to Rs. 449-13-0. Besides this sum, Government realized Rs. 801 from occupancy price and rent of plots and the Municipality Rs. 392 from occupancy price of plots. The expenditure of the city survey office during the year amounted to Rs. 2,019-13-3.

At Garhi Yasin the number of theodolite stations examined was 98 and the number of properties reviewed 1,763. The number of mutations recorded in the Property Registers was 257 and of corrections made in maps 45. The mutation work was transferred to the Sub-Registrar, Garhi Yasin, in March last under the instructions of the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Bombay Presidency. A sum of Rs. 3-8-0 on account of sanad fees was recovered during the year, leaving a surplus of Rs. 481-11-11 at the end of the year in favour of Government over the cost of the survey. The receipts of the city survey office during the year amounted to Rs. 175-4-0. Besides this, Government realized Rs. 395-8-0 from the sale and rent of plots and the municipality Rs. 14-5-4 from occupancy price of plots sold by them. The expenditure on maintenance amounted to Rs. 98-8-9 during the year.

The figures of the city survey balances shown above have been adopted in accordance with the figures finally accepted as correct by the Accountant General, Bombay, and the Treasury Officers concerned.

7. The four weeks' survey class was held in August and September. It was attended by one Assistant Collector, one Probationary Deputy Collector and one City Surveyor. All passed the test and were granted the usual certificates. No survey party was formed for the training of Head Munshis and Graduates.

8. The teaching staff of the Tapedars' Training School was reduced from 5 to 3 Assistant Masters in view of the reduction from 99 to 50 in the number of admissions in the school necessitated by the existing excess in the number of passed hands available for employment.

9. The total cost of the Land Records Department for the year amounted to Rs. 68,288-15-9.

10. The Record of Rights was neither introduced nor promulgated in any taluka in Sind during the year under report. It was, however, prepared for six dehs of the Shahbunder taluka in the Karachi district and three dehs (formerly Jagir dehs but now Rayati) of the Sukkur taluka in the Sukkur district, and will be promulgated during the current year.

The Record was due for re-writing during the year in the Mirpur Sakro and Ghorabari talukas and in 77 dehs of the Karachi taluka of the Karachi district, in the Hyderabad and Hala talukas of the Hyderabad district, in the Sinjhoro taluka of the Nawabshah

district, in the Sehwan, Dadu and Johi talukas of the Larkana district and in the Garhi Yasin and Rohri talukas of the Sukkur district. Re-writing was postponed in deh Kartar of the Rohri taluka owing to the lands being still submerged, and in all the talukas referred to above, and in the talukas referred to in the previous year's report, owing to the prospective introduction of the Maxwell system of keeping the Record of Rights, under Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 395-B, dated the 28th February 1923.

The work of measuring fresh sub-divisions was kept up to date except in deh Juna, taluka Kotri of the Karachi district, where the work, though started, could not be finished during the year. It was done by the Village establishment as a part of their ordinary duties.

The total number of cases in which acquisition of rights was not reported during the year was 770 and the fines imposed amounted roughly to Rs. 2,000.

The revenue accounts were based on the entries in the Record of Rights except in the areas specially exempted from the operation of the rules.

The maintenance of the Record is on the whole satisfactory.

P. R. CADELL,

Commissioner in Sind.

APPENDIX B.

Showing the work done in the Head Record Office, Hyderabad, Sind, in connection with sketches, etc., during 1924-25.

Year.	Number of cases necessitating corrections in Survey Records.				Number of cases returned duly corrected.				Number of cases remaining for correction at the end of the year.				Number of extracts from Survey Registers supplied.	Number of Survey Registers prepared and supplied to		
	Survey Registers.	Maps.		List of Karia rebate.	Survey Registers.	Maps.		List of Karia rebate.	Survey Registers.	Maps.		List of Karia rebate.		Village Establishment.	District Officers.	Petitioners.
		English.	Sindhi.			English.	Sindhi.			English.	Sindhi.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1924-25	2,570	240	1,729	...	2,570	240	1,729	...	...	...	...	...	1,088	8	2	13
1923-24 ...	2,125	53	1,353	...	2,125	53	1,353	...	...	...	...	...	1,217	44	3	7

APPENDIX B—continued.

Year.	Number of copies of Field Books supplied.	Land Registers prepared for the Head Record Office.	Number of Maps supplied.								Maps prepared for printing.		Maps prepared to replace old office copies at the Head Record Office.	Remarks.
			Free of cost to Village Establishment.	On payment to Village Establishment.	To District Officers.		To petitioners on payment.		To the Public Works Department.					
					English.	Sindhi.	English.	Sindhi.	English.	Sindhi.	English.	Sindhi.		
1	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1924-25 ...	2,639	26	4,446	229	67	...	9	806	227	638	20	419	466	
1923-24 ...	14,214 2,701 9605	103	3,567	169	63	142	7	603	5	1,747	20	640	343	

J. B. IRWIN,
Assistant Commissioner in Sind.

APPENDIX C.

Showing the work done in the Head Record Office, Hyderabad Sind, in connection with new measurements done by the Village Establishments during the year 1924-25.

District.	Number of talukas in which survey work was done.	Number of survey numbers received for examination and entry in the Survey records.	Number of survey numbers returned after making entries in the Survey records, maps and registers.	Number of survey numbers returned without entry in the Survey records, with memorandum of errors.	Arrears at the end of the year.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sukkur ...	8	1,740	852	888	...	
Upper Sind Frontier ...	5	660	486	174	...	
Karachi ...	10	1,032	676	356	...	
Thar Parkar ...	7	682	397	285	...	
Larkana ...	11	926	350	576	...	
Nawabshah ...	7	2,449	1,500	949	...	
Hyderabad ...	7	656	308	348	...	
Total for 1924-25 ...	55	8,145	4,569	3,576	...	
Total for 1923-24 ...	56	8,326	4,754	3,572	...	

J. B. IRWIN,
Assistant Commissioner in Sind.

APPENDIX D.

Statement showing the test of Tapedars' and Supervising Tapedars' inspection work by Sub-divisional Officers in the Province during 1924-25.

Name of district.	Number of dehs.		Number of dehs in which boundary marks repair was examined.	Number of survey numbers in which crops and tenancy record was checked.		Number of dehs in which birth and death registers were checked.	Number of entries checked in Village Forms 1-C and 1-D.	Remarks.
	Total in the district.	Number visited during the year.		Tapedars' work.	Supervising Tapedars' work.			
Karachi	798	417	25	9,791	957	202	1,578	
Hyderabad	925	618	75	A. g. +40 35 bigoti measurement.				
Thar Parkar	964	795	107	20,118	5,167	239	5,133	
Nawabshah	768	394	30	48,884	24,549	437	37,848	
Sukkur	670	473	51	A. g. +2,242 36 bigoti measurement.	A. g. +1,060 14 bigoti measurement.	209	6,684	
Larkana	754	478	218	14,946	3,997	310	9,438	
Upper Sind Frontier	433	304	63	20,158	5,874	304	15,088	
				16,456	7,237	186	1,503	
				5,429	1,014			
				A. +833 bigoti measurement.				
Total ...	5,312	3,479	569	1,35,782	48,795	1,887	77,267	
				A. g. +3,116 31 bigoti measurement.	A. g. +1,060 14 bigoti measurement.			

J. B. IRWIN,
Assistant Commissioner in Sind.

No. 245 OF 1925.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, LAND RECORDS, BOMBAY SUBURBAN DIVISION.

Old Custom House Yard, Fort,
Bombay, 25th September 1925.

From

W. J. NEWLAND, ESQ.,
Superintendent, Land Records,
Bombay Suburban Division, Bombay;

To

THE SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER AND
DIRECTOR OF LAND RECORDS,
Bombay Suburban Division, Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my report on the administration of the office of the Superintendent, Land Records, Bombay Suburban Division, for the year ending 31st July 1925.

2. *Charge.*—Mr. Bhatkar, District Inspector, Land Records, Andheri, held charge of this office from 1st August to 3rd October 1924, on which date I returned from leave and resumed the charge. The charge of the office of the District Inspector, Land Records, Andheri, was held by Mr. Nadgir, Head Clerk to Superintendent, Land Records, Bombay Suburban Division, up to 3rd October 1924 on which date Mr. Bhatkar reverted and continued in charge until the end of the year.

3. *District Survey Office.*—113 correction cases and 801 miscellaneous cases were disposed of by the District Survey office, the Survey Nos. affected being 915, and at the end of the year there remained a balance of 3 correction and 3 miscellaneous cases. The sale-proceeds of printed maps and extracts from survey records amount to Rs. 411-2-3, while the approximate cost of extracts supplied free to Government would be Rs. 864-11-0.

I inspected this office in May last, and found the work in it proceeding smoothly. Papers for correction are now being received from the Salsette Development Officer and the Assistant Development Officers regularly and promptly in connection with acquisition and non-agricultural cases.

4. *Measurement and Classification.*—The surveying staff consisting of 1 District Surveyor, 4 Circle Inspectors and 5 surveyors from the Salsette Development office have done 312 measurement cases in 681 Survey Nos. and 8 classification cases in 11 Survey Nos. There is a balance of 81 measurement cases mainly due to their having been received rather late in the field season. Rs. 711-8-0 were realised from private applicants as survey fees.

As experience showed that the measurement work generally done by the surveyors attached to the Salsette Development Officer and the Assistant Development Officers could be done more satisfactorily and more expeditiously under the direct supervision of the District Inspector of Land Records, 5 surveyors were transferred to the District Inspector's office, who put 2 of them on the survey work in N. A. and acquisition cases received from the Salsette Development Officer, and the remaining 3 on the Pôt hissa work, in addition to the work required to be done for the Assistant Development Officers from time to time. And, when not employed on out-door work, they assisted the District Survey office in clearing off the arrears of correction work pending receipt of survey correction papers from the Salsette Development Officer and the other Development Officers. In June one of the surveyors was retrenched, as it was found that the Pôt hissa work could be done by 2 surveyors, but the District Inspector now reports that the measurement work he receives from the Salsette Development Officer and other Officers is increasing day by day and getting beyond the capacity of the 2 surveyors put on such work; he is therefore of opinion that at least one more surveyor will be necessary if the volume of work continues as at present.

5. *Pôt hissa survey.*—The Pôt hissa work in South Salsette taluka was started in December 1924 as it was considered beneficial for acquisition proceedings. The 3 surveyors measured 2,195 hissas in 32 villages during the fair season, in addition to the measurement work received from the Assistant Development Officer, Kurla Area, and from the Special Assistant to the Collector, Bombay Suburban District. As already stated, one of the surveyors was reduced from 1st June last. The remaining 2 surveyors were engaged in June and July last in preparing fair copies of Ghat Books and Registers of hissas prepared by them in the field. An amount of Rs. 566-10-0 spent in paying the flag-holders has increased the recovery per hissa to Rs. 1-4-0. Recovery statements for the 32 villages amounting to Rs. 2,743-12-0 and the occupants' sketches were prepared by them, and have been sent to the Mamlatdar for recovery, and the money recovered from the Pôt hissa operations will be credited to the Development Department which has financed the staff engaged for the purpose.

The number of hissas originally reported by the Mamlatdar to be 3,022 has been found to be wrong, the correct figure being 6,380, so that this programme will take a much longer time than was at first anticipated.

6. *City Survey and Maintenance.*—There were 2 posts of Maintenance Surveyors, one for Bandra and Danda, and the other for the surveyed village-sites of Salsette. But on examination it was found that the total number of properties in all the city surveyed and village-site surveyed areas was such as could be satisfactorily looked after and maintained by one surveyor; consequently the abolition of one post and the linking-up of the maintenance work in all the above areas under one surveyor was sanctioned in Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 6428, dated

13th March 1925. During the year, in Bandra and Danda 617 properties were reviewed and 135 theodolite stones examined, while in the surveyed village sites 283 properties out of 1,128 were reviewed and 11 theodolite stones examined. Rs. 27 as survey fees and Rs. 13 as fines were recovered. The sale of occupants' sketches in the village site surveyed areas brought in only Rs. 775-4-0, leaving a balance of Rs. 469-8-0 to be collected. The delay in making this recovery is due to the negligence of the present Maintenance Surveyor who was found to be thoroughly useless, unreliable and incompetent in every respect, and the Collector has been requested to appoint another suitable surveyor in his place.

7. *Record of Rights.*—The District Inspector reports that the work of rewriting the Record of Rights which is long due in many villages in the District has just been taken in hand by the Talathis and the Circle Inspectors.

8. *Boundary Marks.*—Four villages in Bandra circle, 5 villages in Borivli circle, and 4 in Kurla circle were taken up for boundary marks inspection work. The early set in of monsoon prevented the completion of work in one village in Bandra and one in the Borivli circle.

9. *Village Boundary Dispute.*—One dispute concerning village boundary between Kandivli and Poisar was decided during the year.

10. *Establishment.*—All the members of the Land Records staff employed in the District Survey office and in my office have carried out their duties satisfactorily.

11. *Special Matters.*—During this year the Second Revision Settlement of the South Salsette taluka was conducted by Mr. Dikshit, the Assistant Settlement Officer appointed for the purpose.

12. *Special Surveys.*—A survey of the land covered by the Tata Hydro-Electric Line and the Nila Mulla Transmission Line passing through 10 villages of the Salsette Taluka was carried out and necessary plans and statements were prepared.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. J. NEWLAND,

Superintendent, Land Records,
Bombay Suburban Division, Bombay.

No. 176 of 1925.

OFFICE OF THE SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER
AND DIRECTOR OF LAND RECORDS,
BOMBAY SUBURBAN DIVISION.

Old Custom House Yard,
Bombay, Dated 5th December 1925.

Submitted to Government.

2. The correction work in the District Survey Office, which has been a subject for comment in the last two years, is now up to date.

3. The maintenance of the City Surveys is now under enquiry and the criticism of the maintenance surveyor in paragraph 6 of the Superintendent's report will be taken into account.

4. In other respects the work done during the year was satisfactory in quantity and quality. Mr. Newland discharged his duties as Superintendent with efficiency.

R. D. BELL,

Settlement Commissioner and
Director of Land Records,
Bombay Suburban Division.

STATEMENT I.

Statement I showing Crop, Waste, Boundary Marks and other Inspection carried out by Circle Inspectors in the District during the year 1924-25.

Name of District.	Number of Circle Inspectors in the district.	Number of villages in the district.		Number of days actually devoted to inspection work (average).	Crop and Tenancy Inspection.		Waste Inspection.		Repair of Boundary Marks.					Inspection of Tagai work.		Number of entries checked in Birth and Death Registers.	Number of entries checked in V. F. VI and VII.	Remarks.
		Total.	Number inspected.		Total number of occupied Survey Numbers.	Number of Survey Numbers and sub-divisions.	Number of Waste numbers other than forest.	Number inspected.	Number of villages due for inspection.		Number of villages completely inspected and repaired.		Balance of villages outstanding at close of season.	Average number of days spent by Circle Inspectors on inspection and repairs.	Number of Tagai works examined.	Number in which work was finished.		
									Arrears, past year.	Current year's programme.	Arrears, past year.	Current year's programme.	Arrears, past year.	Current year's programme.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Bombay Suburban District.	4	93	69	159	8,327	1,409 5,689	465	125	...	13	...	12	...	1	59	...	...	1,220	11,239	

STATEMENT II.

Statement II showing the measurement and classification work performed by the Circle Inspectors during the year 1924-25.

Name of District.	Arrears at the beginning of the year.		Received during the year.		Disposed of during the year.		Balance at close of the year.		Remarks.
	Measurement.	Classification.	Measurement.	Classification.	Measurement.	Classification.	Measurement.	Classification.	
	S. Nos.	S. Nos.	S. Nos.	S. Nos.	S. Nos.	S. Nos.	S. Nos.	S. Nos.	
Bombay Suburban District ...	67	2	880	10	681	11	266	1	

STATEMENT III.

Statement III showing the test of Village Officers' and Circle Inspectors' work by the Sub-Divisional Officers and Mamlatdars in the district during the year 1924-25.

Name of District.	Number of villages.		Number of boundary marks examined.	Number of S. Nos. in which Crop and Tenancy Records were Inspected.		Number of villages in which Birth and Death Registers were checked.	Number of entries checked in V. F. VI and VII.	Remarks.
	Total in district.	Number inspected.		Village Officers' work.	Circle Inspectors' work.			
Bombay Suburban District.								
S. D. O. 1	93	58	589	204	204	58	1,089	
Mamlatdar 2	93	80	806	579 / *H 2,752	333 / H 1958	80	2,825	

*H = Hissas.

STATEMENT IV.

Statement IV showing the details of work done by the District Inspector of Land Records, Bombay Suburban District, for the year 1924-25.

Name of District.	Name of villages in the District.		Number of days devoted to all kinds of Inspection.	Number of Circle Inspectors.	Number of Circles.	Crop and Waste inspection numbers tested. Early, Late, Waste.						Number of Boundary Marks examined.	Entries in the Return of population and Agricultural Stock tested.	Entries in the Birth and Death Registers tested.	Number of S. Nos. tested.				Number of entries in V. F. VI and VII.	Number of Village Accountants examined in measurement work.	Taluka Forms XX to XIII tested.	Number of Tagai works examined.	Number of entries in V. F. XVI inspected.	Number of receipts examined.	Number of error slips issued.	Number of disputed cases decided.	Remarks.
						Circle Inspector's work.		Village Accountant's Work.		Circle Inspector's Work.		Village Accountant's work.		Circle Inspector's work.		Village Accountant's work.											
	Total.	Inspected.													Measured by Circle Inspector.	Classed by Circle Inspector.	Measured by District Surveyors.	Classed by District Surveyors.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8		9		10		11		12		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Bombay Suburban District.	93	82	207	4	4	...		...		...		116		...		5		100	191	60	275	...	46	5	920	...	...	...	20	2	7	195	
												629 H*																					

*H = Hissas.

R. D. BELL,
Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
Bombay Suburban Division.

Department of Land Records.

Annual report of the — for the year 1924-25.

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Resolution No. P.—62.

Bombay Castle, 18th January 1926.

Memorandum from the Commissioner in Sind No. P.—85-I dated 12th October 1925.

Letter from the Superintendent of Land Records, Bombay Suburban Division, No. 245 dated 25th September 1925—Submitting the Annual Report of the Department of Land Records of the Bombay Suburban Division for the year 1924-25.

Memorandum from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Bombay Suburban Division, No. 176 dated 5th December 1925.

Letter from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. A.D.—138 dated 14th December 1925—Submitting copy of the report of the Department of Land Records in the Bombay Presidency for the year 1924-25 ; and making remarks.

RESOLUTION.—The touring activity of the Superintendents of Land Records in the Presidency proper was maintained, but Government concur with the Settlement Commissioner that in normal circumstances a standard of 170 days on tour should be achieved. They also concur in his remarks in connection with the inspection work done by Sub-divisional Officers, Mamlatdars and Circle Inspectors that what is required is that each grade of officer should do an adequate amount of inspection and that his superiors should see that it is of a proper quality and properly directed.

2. The Settlement Commissioner reports that certain District Inspectors do not give sufficient attention to work outside headquarters. It is the duty of the Superintendents of Land Records to suppress vigorously any such tendency wherever noticed and to enforce full and proper inspection all round.

3. The Settlement Commissioner refers to account confusion caused by the cadastral surveyors in the Northern and Southern Divisions not being made permanent as in the Central Division. In paragraph 3 of Government Resolution No. P.—62 dated 20th March 1923 the Settlement Commissioner was informed that his proposals for an adequate permanent staff for the Northern and

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Government of Maharashtra
on 22 July, 2017

Southern Divisions could not be considered owing to financial stringency. His fresh proposals for making the cadastral surveyors in these two Divisions permanent are now under the consideration of Government.

4. Government trust that the work of maintenance of city surveys in the Bombay Suburban District will soon be properly organised and that the work of re-writing the record of rights, which is long overdue in many villages in that district, will now be pushed on with vigour.

5. Detailed instructions for keeping the record of rights on the Maxwell system have been given on revised pages 58 to 95-F of the Manual of Revenue Accounts, as stated in paragraph 6 of Government Resolution No. P.—62 dated 16th February 1925; and Government do not understand why the work of re-writing the record has not been commenced in the talukas mentioned in paragraph 10 of the Sind report. This important work should not be delayed anyfurther.

6. The Department of Land Records, both in the Presidency proper and in Sind, was administered with efficiency under the able supervision of the Directors concerned and Government are glad to read the commendations bestowed by Mr. Mackie on the work done by Mr. C. D. Kavi, Mr. V. B. Naik and Mr. D. S. Modak.

By order of the Governor in Council,

H. K. KIRPALANI,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To

The Commissioner in Sind,
The Commissioner, N. D.,
The Commissioner, C. D.,
The Commissioner, S. D.,
The Commissioner, Bombay Suburban Division,
All Collectors, including the Deputy Commissioner, Upper Sind Frontier,
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Bombay Suburban Division,
The Accountant General,
The Director of Information,
The Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.
F. G. H. Anderson, Esquire, I.C.S.,
R. D. Bell, Esquire, I.C.S.,
A. W. W. Mackie, Esquire, I.C.S.,
The High Commissioner for India (by letter).

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